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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward

Serial No.: 10/768,263

Filing Date: January 30, 2004

For: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable  
Gas Nozzle

Examiner: Kim

Group A.U.: 3752

Mail Stop Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Official Action dated November 12, 2004. Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked \*\*\* VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE \*\*\*.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month is enclosed.